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## AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313-1450

SIR:

In response to the Final Rejection dated September 16, 2003, the period for response having been extended to January 16, 2004, by a petition for extension of time filed herewith, please amend the application identified above as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.